(e) whether the Government consider that it is necessary to carry out the assurance mentioned in sub-division (a) before the dissolution of the present Council ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):*

(a) Yes.
(b) Yes.
(c) Yes.
(d) Yes. On 29th July 1944.
(e) A decision will be taken in the matter with the least possible delay.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I put the question being an important one?

Mr. President: Have you the consent of the Hon'ble Member ?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I am sorry I have not.

FRANCHISE—WIDENING OF

274. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** *(Cranganur):* With reference to the Government's assurance in the House on 23rd March 1943, "Government only want a little more time" (Vide page 522, V, C. L. C. Vol. X, Part 12), will they be pleased to state what they have done to widen the franchise within about the last 2 years after their promise referred to ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* Government reply was that they prefer to postpone controversial questions like revision of franchise to better times, obviously meaning post-war period. Their position is the same even now.

PLANTING OF SHADE TREES ON RAILWAY PLAT FORMS

275. **Mr. George Panikulam** *(Irinjalakkuda):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Government have taken steps to get shade trees planted at the Railway platforms where such trees do not now exist along the Shoranur Cochin Railway line;

(b) if not, whether the Government will take action to supply this want for the sake of the public who have to travel by rail especially in summer ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E *(Secretary to Government):*

(a) Shade trees have been planted at Ernakulam North and South Stations. As regards other stations where such trees are wanting, the matter is being considered by the Railway Authorities.

(b) No answer is called for in view of the answer to (a).

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE IN "MALABAR MAIL"

276. **Mr. K. R. Achyuthan** *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will Government be pleased to state whether their attention has been drawn to the article published on page 1 of "The Malabar Mail" in its issue dated 4th February 1945, under the caption "what relationship between efficiency and qualification ? Certain examples from Service".

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* They have read the article.

DEARNESS ALLOWANCE TO HONORARY DOCTORS

277. **Mr. George Panikulam** *(Irinjalakuda):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the dearness allowance is paid to Honorary Doctors in independent charge of Government Dispensaries and Hospitals where fixed allowances alone are drawn by them;

(b) if not, whether the Government propose to extend the dearness allowance to such doctors at least for the future ;

(c) whether such doctors are not ordered by Government to do regular work both in the morning and in the evening like paid doctors who draw dearness allowance ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(a) No.
(b) No.
(c) Yes.

SUPPLY OF UMBRELLA AND FOOT-WEAR TO ANCHALMEN

278. **Mr. George Panikulam** *(Irinjalakkuda):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Government is aware of the practice to supply an umbrella and a pair of sandals to every postman in the British Postal Department at Government cost ;

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(*b*) whether the Government propose to do the same in the case of our anchalmen who do similar work here but who are paid much lower pay than the British Postmen?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) This will be considered when framing the next year's budget.

SHOP No. 43—SHIFTING OF

279. Mr. P. Narayana Menon *(Trippunittura):* Will Government be pleased to answer the following questions.—

(*a*) did the Commissioner of Excise get a mass petition from the Public for the shifting of shop No. 43 from its present site;

(*b*) did the Government hold any enquiry in regard to the matter;

(*c*) if the answer is in the affirmative, what was the result of the enquiry and the final decision of the Commissioner?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretry to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The present site where the shop is located is found to be unobjectionable and hence the shop was allowed to continue there.

LANDING PLACES—OCHANTHURUTHU-PANAMBUKAD FERRY—COMPLAINT REGARDING

280. Mr. P. K. Krishnan *(Nominated):*

തഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു് സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമൊ.—

(*a*) കാച്ചന്തുരുത്തു-പനമ്പുകാട്ട കടത്തുവഞ്ചികൾ അടുക്കുന്ന സ്ഥലങ്ങൾ കടത്താവശ്യത്തിനു ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്നതിൽ സ്ഥലമുടമസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ വല്ല ആക്ഷേപവും ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിലേക്ക ലഭിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടൊ;

(*b*) പ്രസ്തുത കടത്തിന്റെ പനമ്പുകാട്ട ഭാഗത്തുള്ള വഴിയാത്രക്കാക്ക വളരെ ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുകൾ ഉണ്ടാക്കിത്തീർക്കുന്നതാണെന്നു ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിനു മനസ്സിലായിട്ടുണ്ടൊ;

(*c*) പനമ്പുകാട്ട കടത്തുകടവുസ്ഥലവും കാച്ചു വഴിയും പൊതു ആവശ്യത്തിനു ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിലേക്ക വിലകൂടാതെ അനുവദിച്ചുതരാമെന്നു പനമ്പുകാട്ട ദേവസ്വം ഇതിനുമുമ്പു അറിയിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടൊ;

(*d*) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അക്കാര്യത്തിൽ ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു് എന്തു തീരുമാനിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) ഇല്ല. എന്നാൽ യാത്രക്കാരുടെ സങ്കടഹർജ്ജികൾ ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

(*b*) ഉണ്ടു്.

(*c*) അറിവില്ല.

(*d*) മേൽപറഞ്ഞ ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുകൾ പരിഹരിക്കുന്നതിനായി വേണ്ടതു പ്രവർത്തിക്കുവാൻ പഞ്ചായത്തു ഡയറക്ടർക്ക എഴുതി അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

LOCATION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHAPEL AT OLARIKKARA

281. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to place on the table.—

(*a*) the final orders of the Government in connection with the location of the Christian Chapel, Olarikkara referred to in question Nos. 118, 119, 120, 121 and 122 answered on the floor of the Legislative Council on 15th December 1927;

(*b*) whether the prosecution launched by the Government were pursued by the Government;

(*c*) whether this Chapel is yet used for worship?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) A copy of the Diwan's Proceedings Dis. No. 81/R/04, dated 31st October 1928 is placed on the table.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No public worship takes place there.

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